

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. Canceled.

Claim 2. (New) A control apparatus for an engraving device comprising:

a. a controller unit comprising:

(i) at least one processor;

(ii) a first data input port;

(iii) a second data input port; and

(iv) at least one data output port;

b. a hand-held data input device connected to said first data input port of said controller unit;

c. a computer processor connected to said second data input port of said controller unit; and

d. means for transmitting data from said controller unit to an engraving device through the data output port of said controller unit.

Claim 3. (New) The control apparatus of claim 2, wherein said hand-held data input device comprises a touch screen.

Claim 4. (New) A control apparatus for an engraving device comprising:

- a. a controller unit comprising:
 - (i) at least one processor;
 - (ii) a first data input port;
 - (iii) a second data input port; and
 - (iv) at least one data output port;
- b. a hand-held touch screen connected to said first data input port of said controller unit for inputting engraving job data to said controller unit;
- c. a computer processor connected to said second data input port of said controller unit for inputting engraving job data to said controller unit; and
- d. means for transmitting data from said controller unit to an engraving device through the data output port of said controller unit.

Claim 5. (New) The control apparatus of claim 4, wherein engraving job data input from said hand-held touch screen is selected from the group consisting of: selecting x, y and z coordinates; selecting home positions and job offsets; toggling between metric and imperial units; enabling HPGL use; selecting display languages; replaying jobs; pausing jobs at the character, line or plate level; changing engraving speed; changing engraving depth; stopping the machine at character, line or plate level; forwarding to a particular character, line or plate; performing maintenance functions; or accessing engraving job data located on a host computer.